

REMARKS

Claims 40-49 are currently pending in this application. By way of this Reply, claims 20-39 have been canceled, without prejudice. New claims 40-49 have been added to more clearly claim subject matter which the Applicants regard as the invention. Applicants submit that no new matter has been introduced into the application by these amendments.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph

Claims 20-39 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for failing to comply with the written description requirement. In particular, page 2 of the Office Action states that claim 20 appears to be a combination of multiple embodiments and the dependent claims add additional embodiments. In order to resolve any uncertainty as to the appropriate support in the specification for the claimed invention, claims 20-39 have cancelled and replaced by pending claims 40-49. Applicants respectfully submit that new claims 40-49 are properly supported by the specification and withdrawal of the written description rejection is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that any additional matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, such as citations to support in the specification for claims 40-49, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including claims 40-49, is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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